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SUBJECT: 1978 SUMMER ECOSOC - ITEM 18, ILLICIT
PAYMENTS/TNC COMMISSION RESOLUTION

REF: WELLS/COHN TELECON, 7/7/78

1. US DEL HAS DISCUSSED UN COMMISSION ON TRANSNATIONAL
CORPORATIONS RESOLUTION ON SOUTHERN AFRICA WITH AFRICAN
REPS HERE. WE HAVE BEEN TOLD BY SEVERAL AFRICANS
THAT, UNLIKE IN VIENNA, THE RESOLUTION IS DEFINITELY
NEGOTIABLE. SPECIFIC POSSIBLE CHANGES IN RESOLUTION
WERE DISCUSSED WELLS/COHN TELECON.

2. OUR ASSESSMENT OF AFRICAN POSITION IS THAT THEY
WOULD CONSIDER US ABSTENTION ON RESOLUTION A POSITIVE
STEP FORWARD, AND THAT THEY WOULD BE WILLING TO
EXCHANGE A US ABSTENTION ON THIS RESOLUTION WITH
NEGOTIATED CHANGES FOR WITHDRAWAL OF ARTICLE 7 IN
ILLICIT PAYMENTS AGREEMENT. THIS WOULD DEPRIVE THE
EUROPEANS OF THEIR PRIMARY ARGUMENT IN OPPOSITION
TO US PROPOSAL FOR PLENIPOTENTIARY CONFERENCE ON
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ILLICIT PAYMENTS AT THIS ECOSOC SESSION. REMOVAL
OF ARTICLE 7 WOULD BE A MAJOR STEP FORWARD IN
REACHING AN AGREEMENT ON ILLICIT PAYMENTS.

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